COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Thursday, the *30th of March 1933.*
17th of Meenam 1108.

The House met at half past eleven of the Clock with C. G Herbert Esqr., I C. S., Diwan of Cochin and Ex-officio President in the Chair. Messrs. K. G. Nayar, C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri and K. Mohamed Seethi were absent.

Swearing in of the President.

C. G. Herbert Esq., Diwan of Cochin and Ex-officio President of the Council took and subscribed the oath of allegiance.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Appointment of Mr. Nambeesan as Chief Vaidian in the Ramavarma Central Ayurvedic Hospital.

495. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what is the qualification of the Chief Vaidian Mr. Nambeesan of the Ramavarma Central Ayurvedic Hospital;

(2) is there any truth in the statement ഇതിനകം ഏതു ഔഷധങ്ങൾ ഇവിടെനിന്നും സെൻട്രൽ ആസ്പത്രിയിലെ ഉപയോഗത്തിനായി വാങ്ങിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു", appearing on page 5 of the Mahathi dated 7th Makaram 1108 ;

(3) who appointed him and had he any recommendation?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(1) Had training under Mundoli Nambiyar, passed the Ayurvedic Examination conducted by K. A. Samajam, Cheruthuruthy. Recipient of Gold medal awarded by the First Dravida Ayurveda Vaidya Samelan.

(2) Yes.

(3) The acting Diwan, on the recommendation of the acting Diwan Peishkar Mr. U. Kandar Menon.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Was this awarded after testing his proficiency in treating patients or in preparing medicines?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I do not know.

Dr. K. Sankara Menon.—What are the different grades of examination held by the K. A. Samajam?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I have no information.

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Dr. K. Sankara Menon.—Has he passed all the examinations?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Only this examination.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether the Government knows what was this first Dravida Ayurveda Vaidya Samelan for? What was done there?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Government have no information.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—How did the Government consider his possession of a gold medal awarded by this Samelan, of whose function Government knows nothing, as a qualification for the post?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It was not due to that that the appointment was made. All these were considered. He is also the recepient of a gold medal. That fact is stated in his application.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Can we take it that these were the three qualifications that were taken into account—his training under Mundoli Nambiyar, the possession of an Ayurvedic Examination certificate and the Medal?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—And his experience as an Ayurvedic doctor.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—How is it that it is not mentioned here?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It may be an omission.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—How many years' experience has he as a physician?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—10 or 15 years.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Is he still a Vaidyan and running his Vaidyasala?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I think so.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Was not any physician of approved standing in the State consulted in this matter of appointment?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I believe Tekkat Moose was consulted.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Are the Government sure?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I asked him personally, so far I know. But it is only after the appointment (*Laughter*).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether there was not an application from one V. Krishna Menon of the Cheranellur Panchayat for this post?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I think so, but I did not receive that application. A list of the applicants is given in answer to another question.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know from the Government whether there was not a petition? For your information I may say there was a petition.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—When did Mr. U. Kandar Menon recommend him to the Diwan?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I did not make any specific recommendation of any candidate.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—But it is stated here that it was on your recommendation that he was appointed.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I shall explain the whole thing. Only 13 applications were received by me. There were on the whole 59 applications, but only 13 were received by me. Some of those applications were received directly by me while others were forwarded from the Huzur Office. I gave a full list of these with their qualifications, as they appeared in the applications. In the covering report I stated 5 names who had the best qualifications among those 13. I specifically mentioned that I understood that there were other applications and that the Diwan may be pleased to select the best candidate.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Your report included only the 13?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Why is it stated that the appointment was made on the recommendation of the Diwan Peishkar?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Because it was one of the names included in the list.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Did you recommend any body?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I have stated what I have done.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Did you specifically recommend him?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—No, I have not specifically recommended any man.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know who prepared the answer to this question?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The Government.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Which officer, may I know?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Government prepared the answer, but certain information might have been obtained from the subordinate officers

Dr. A. R. Menon.—It is quite clear that the recommendation was made by the Diwan Peishkar to the Diwan. Does not that suggest the idea that the Diwan Peishkar is responsible for the appointment?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—That is why I explained the whole thing.

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Dr. A. G. Menon.—Are we to understand that this appointment was made direct by the Diwan ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I wrote to the Diwan with certain suggestions. I picked out certain names and stated their qualifications for easy reference. Since all the applications were not before me, I did not make any specific recommendations. Among these 13, five possessed the best qualifications. I did not say that any one of these might be selected.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know the gist of the report ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I prepared a list of all applications received by me and noted their qualifications, names, service, date of application and remarks. For easy reference I noted down five names who, according to me, appeared to possess the best qualifications among these 13. Since I knew that there were other applications, I reported to the Diwan that those applications may be considered and the Diwan may be pleased to select the best person under the circumstances.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Among the five, did the Diwan Peishkar make any specific mention of any body ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—No. The reason was these were not the sole applicants. I could not know whether the other applicants have got better qualifications. It was not possible for me to recommend any body.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Why were not those applications sent to the Diwan Peishkar ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Most probably the Diwan thought that he is to dispose them off.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Why did not the Government ask the Diwan Peishkar to recommend a man for the post, according to the order instituting the Ayurvedic Hospital ?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Why were certain applications sent to the Diwan Peishkar, if the power of appointment rests with the Diwan ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Those applicants who applied to the Diwan may have put in other applications to me also.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—But there are 59 in all.

Mrs. Swaris.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Diwan Peishkar did not mention in his report that one was the best among the 13 ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know who the Diwan was who made the appointment ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Rao Bahadur T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar Avl.

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Dr. A. R. Menon.—Then the answer ought to be the acting Diwan on the recommendation of the acting Diwan Peishkar. This is a mistake.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the correction be made in the regular proceedings that will appear hereafter so that there may not be any misunderstanding ?

President.—Government will look into it.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Is not the Central Ayurvedic Hospital even now supplied with medicines by the Vaidyasala of this Nambeesan ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Tenders have been invited to supply medicines.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—There is a name given there, 'Vaidya Mandir'. By whom is it owned ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It is owned by the same physician.

Mr. T. A Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is there anything on record to show that he had training under Mundoli Nambiyar, so that we may know what was the nature of the training, whether he was a doctor, a servant or student ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I want notice. Certainly his application made mention of this fact. Whether there are other records about it, I am not in a position to say.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Can we take it that the qualifications of all the 56 applicants were taken into consideration at the time of the appointment ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—They must have been.

Dr. A. C. Menon.—Is the Government aware that great dissatisfaction prevails among the public about the appointment of this Nambeesan ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I hear there are certain complaints.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did the Government receive an application from one Pisharodi who had his training in the Venkitramana Dispensary and who is a physician? What are his qualifications and whether he is not a Cochinite?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I shall look up that.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is the present physician a Cochinite?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—He is a domiciled Cochinite.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Are the Government going to inquire into the complaints?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—We are going to inquire.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May we take it that you will inquire into them?

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Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to see that he is replaced, if the complaints are found to be true?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—We will make enquiries and do the needful.

Heads of Departments from Talappalli and Chittur Taluks.

496. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform—

(a) the number of heads of departments from Talappalli and Chittur Taluks and their names; and

(b) the number and names of officers from Talappalli and Chittur Taluks drawing more than Rs. 300 per mensem?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) 1. Mr. U. Suppukutty Menon.

2. Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.

(b) 2. Vide answer above.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know what is the total number of heads of departments?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Twenty-six.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—In view of the fact that there are only two from these two taluks, will the Government be pleased to consider the question, when making appointments in future, of the claims of those who are living in these two taluks?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That cannot be done simply because he resides in a particular locality.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—How will the Government remedy the non-representation of these taluks in the matter of appointments?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A taluk cannot have a grievance of this kind.

Shifting of the Museum to Ramavarmapuram.

497. Mr. C A. Ouseph.— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the area of the site where the Government Museum at Trichur is now located;

(b) the area of the site where the Office of the Registrar of Panchayats was being held at Trichur;

(c) the cost incurred by the Government in acquiring the site in (b) and the amount afterwards spent over it by the Government;

(d) whether the site in (b) was acquired or otherwise obtained by the Government for extending the Museum compound;

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